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MOBILE CELLULAR SERVICE
BHAWANA GAWALI (PATIL);MONI KUMAR SUBBA

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of places of Jharkhand and North Eastern Region (NER) where cellular telephone facility is provided at present;

(b) whether the Government propose to provide the said facility in Palamu and Garhwa districts of Jharkhand;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the Government have recently announced a scheme to provide cellular telephone facilities in all the towns in NER; and

(f) if so, the details therof and the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) Sir, for the purpose of Cellular Mobile Telephone Service (CMTS), Jharkhand State is covered under the CMTS license of Biha Telecom Circle. The CMTS is operational at present in Bihar Telecom Circles in 23 cities namely; Patna, Ranchi, Jamshedpur, Dhanbad, Jharia, Hajipur, Danapur, Chas, Muzaffarpur, Gaya, Hazaribagh, Bhagalpur, Bihar Shariff, Darbangha, Madhubani, Begusarai, Siwan, Motihari, Rauxal, Chhapra, Bokaro, Samasitpur and Bethia.The service is operational in North East Telecom Circle in Shillong and Guwahati.

(b) to (d): Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) have floated tenders for making available CMTS in certain parts of the country which include the district of Palamu and Garwah also.

(e) to (f): BSNL has plans to provide cellular service in major towns/cities of North Eastern Region (NER) totaling to 49 towns subject to necessary clearance. The service is likely to be available in phased manner from 2001-02 onwards.